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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

EO 11652: XGDS

TAGS: ANZUS NZ AS MCAP

SUBJ: KIRK PROPOSAL FOR SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

REF: STATE 032376

1. BEING UNABLE TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH KIRK, I SAW CORNER 20 FEBRUARY AND REHEARSED TO HIM ARGUMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL. HE WILL INFORM KIRK OF US POSITION.
2. HE SAID MFA WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO BRIEF KIRK ON THIS QUESTION SINCE THEY DID NOT WISH IT RAISED ANZUS MEETING, BUT PM HAD INSISTED PLAN PUT FORWARD WOULD EAL WITH ZONE SOUTH OF EQUATOR, EAST OF NEW ZEALAND, AND WEST OF SOUTH AMERICA. IN THIS AREA ALL STATES HAVE RIGHT OF TRANSIT FOR SHIPS, SUBMARINES, AIRCRAFT WHETHER ARMED OR UNARMED. THE ONLY SPECIFIC PROHIBITION WOULD BE ON LAND INSTALLATIONS WHICH, OF COURSE, COULD BE VERIFIED BY SATELLITE.
3. MFA HAD ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THERE BE NO AGREEMENT UNLESS ALLPARTIES AGREED. I REPLIED THAT IF MATTER WERE RAISED WITH US AT ANZUS AND WE DID NOT AGREE IT NEED BE CARRIED NO FURTHER SINCE UNIVERSAL AGREEMENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. CORNER DID NOT DENY THIS
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AND AGAIN SAID HE WOULD SEEK DISSUADE PM FROM RAISING MATTER.

4. HE DID NOT KNOW IN WHAT FORM PM MIGHT RAISE IT, BUT HE DID KNOW PM MOTIVATIONS WERE: (A) HIS HATRED

OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS; AND (B) HIS DETERMINATION TO DISCOURAGE GOF. CORNER COMMENTED THAT THE FRENCH MOTIVATION SEEMED LESS IMPORTANT THAN IN 1973 SINCE PUBLIC OPINION HERE LESS AROUSED.

5. I CONCLUDED WITH SUGGESTED APPEAL TO CORNER TO DISSUADE PM FROM RAISING MATTER; HE PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST.
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